

SLPP, NGC AND APC 2018 MANIFESTO EXTRACTS

	APC		SLPP		NGC	
	WHAT?	HOW?	WHAT?	HOW?	WHAT?	HOW?
GENDER & EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - will strengthen economic, social and environmental roles of women in society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - appoint women to at least 30% of cabinet and civil service positions - expand access to finance to women-owned business with low interest rates and direct transfers - better implementation of Gender Rights Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promote gender equality, equity, empowerment and protections of women's rights - promote women in agriculture - more female access to modern energy - preference to female contractors - increase female participation in political, economic and social activities - develop, co-ordinate, monitor and support gender laws/policies - improve expertise in field of gender - empower women 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - more training and educational opportunities for women - establish a Women's Development Fund to support entrepreneurs - direct support for large-scale farming and agro-processing activities (facilities, information on exporting, better access to resources - invest in rural electrification - change procurement laws for government contracts - free university education for females in science, engineering and medicine - establish National Commission for Gender affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Combat discrimination and empower women to participate in socio-economic development 2) Enable women to take up paid employment 3) Enable women to benefit from entrepreneurship and basic training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) - within 3 months introduce legislation on Affirmative Action to outlaw gender discrimination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - take action to prevent early marriage, teen-pregnancy, school drop-out rates - monitor and evaluation of gender programmes - strengthen advocacy campaign strategies - promote study of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) 2) - provide support for nursery and crèche facilities 3) - ring-fence funding for women's enterprise to spur innovation, catalyse employment and build management capacity

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - gender training in institutions - minimum 30% Quota Bill - training/funding for female candidates in public elections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4) Increase number of women in leadership and decision-making positions 5) Improve health and hygiene awareness, reduce waterborne disease 6) Encourage participation in Natural Resource Management and leadership in sustainable development to enhance economic benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - grants to expand agricultural activities - improved farming technologies - management training for complex and medium businesses 4) - enact law to allow women to hold 30% of public office positions 5) - pro-nutrition programmes - encourage women to attend pre-natal and post-natal care - target women for hygiene education 6) - training programmes and incentives for better forest resource management - support faster Mano River Union economic integration - facilitate cross-border investment and trade by women
SOCIAL PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - better implementation of Child Rights Commission - strengthen Disability Commission - easier access to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - job (re)training, 2nd chance education for disabled - setup Early Childhood Education Centres and wave 40% of fees 	<p>DISABLED/AGED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - better access to healthcare; education; shelter - economic empowerment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - disability-friendly public facilities - review Social Safety Net Programme - free education at all levels - free healthcare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Recognise PWDs as equal members of society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) - remove barriers that restrict opportunities and choices - disability access to for all public building - expand National Social Safety Net

	<p>education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - support youth in poor/vulnerable households - reduce inequality - more support for elderly - better access to healthcare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cash transfers to youth under LIPW - unconditional cash transfers for aged/disabled - better pension package - include disabled, aged, pensioners in SLeSHI (Social Health Insurance scheme) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - change negative public attitudes <p>CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE</p> <p>Child-First approach to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) sexual violence (ii) teenage pregnancy (iii) child marriage (iv) orphans/vulnerable children (v) child trafficking (vi) child labour (vii) juvenile justice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - better access to public housing - incentives for Special Needs teachers and institutions <p>Sexual Violence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - increase budget and application of Sexual Offences Act 2012 - better psychosocial service for victims - more awareness of how to report abuse - stigmatise offenders - follow proper legal processes - NO out-of-court settlements - protection, rehabilitation and reintegration <p>Teenage Pregnancy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - national programme for Sex Education - review/apply Teenage Pregnancy Strategy, and Teenage Pregnancy Secretariat <p>Child Marriage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop national strategy to combat - protect, rehabilitate, reintegrate victims - compulsory school attendance/penalties 	<p>2) Understand the real issues of disability to ensure full participation in all related decision-making</p> <p>3) Address disability education gap</p> <p>4) Improve 'one-stop-shop' independent living hubs for PWDs</p> <p>5) Create employment opportunities</p>	<p>2) - establish Disability Wing in NGC party structure staffed by PWD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - real engagement and surveys with PWD - strengthen institutions like National Commission for Persons with Disability <p>3) - free education at all levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Require educational institutions to make all courses, resources and facilities PWD accessible <p>4) - support a network of Disabled People Organisations (DPOs) led by persons with disability</p> <p>5) - comprehensive review of employment services, employment opportunities and recruitment needs and practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop vocational and apprenticeship training strategies - Improve capacity of Employment Bureaus to work with local government and local employer - Expand fiscal and
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				<p>for parents</p> <p>Orphans/Vulnerable Children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - nationwide survey to assess - support for families dealing with violence against children - improve capacity of HSWGCA, city/district councils to apply Alternative Care Policy - better regulation of Adoption legal procedures <p>Child Trafficking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - higher prosecution rates by training prosecutors/judges to investigate/prosecute - tougher sentences, longer prison terms - tackle judicial corruption and procedural delays - Enact Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children (on top of UN Convention against Transnational Crime 2000. <p>Child Labour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - enforce Child Labour laws - develop 	<p>6) Ensure fair and just treatment within legal system</p>	<p>structural incentives for employers</p> <p>6) - provide interpreters in the courts for hearing and visual impairment, for example</p>
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				<p>comprehensive Child Labour strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - better access to education - better monitoring/implementation of Child Labour Policy <p>Juvenile Justice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - community-based rehabilitation and reintegration to reduce recidivism - new laws - training of police, social workers, probation officers, magistrates, judges - improve conditions in detention centres provide educational and psychosocial programmes in detention centres 		
<p>GOVERNANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, RULE OF LAW & HUMAN RIGHTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expand access to justice (affordable; equitable; timely) - reduce bottle-necks/congestion - change mentality of "orders from above" - wage war against lawlessness - ensure independent, impartial judiciary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - setup Rapid Response Courts - support Law Reform Commission - increase support to Legal Aid Board - establish Special Corruption courts - strengthen human rights mechanisms (HRC, Ombudsman etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - inclusion in politics/governance/development to guarantee peace and security - build national cohesion - enable Sierra Leoneans to live and work anywhere in country 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - view corruption as National Security threat and economic cost to country - remove tribal, ethnic, regional barriers to living and working - publish assets of public officials before/after term in office - increase Anti-Corruption Commission 	<p>1) TRANSFORMING OUR GOVERNANCE SYSTEM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - nurture national cohesion, integration, nationhood - build a country where hard work pays but cutting corners does not - reward based on merit NOT who-you-know 	<p>1) - revitalise the schools/education institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - teaching of all regions indigenous languages - restructure National Commission for Democracy - send National Youth Service participants to different parts of the country - promote the National Pledge and singing of the National Anthem

	<p>- fight corruption</p>	<p>- alternative dispute resolution options</p> <p>- promote use of Information and Communication Technology in court process</p>	<p>- fight corruption</p> <p>- improve accountability</p>	<p>powers to investigate and prosecute</p> <p>- develop value systems, merit-reward system in public and private life</p> <p>- corruption categories: Low, Medium, High, Very Serious</p> <p>- apply relative penalties and follow ASSL recommendations</p> <p>- promote use of Access to Information Act against corruption</p> <p>- scrutiny of public service under NAPSTAI (National Public Sector Transparency and Accountability Initiative)</p> <p>- support shadow reports of CSOs</p> <p>- improve inter-agency cooperation</p> <p>- Results-Based Management system to plan, monitor, report</p> <p>- improve PETS (Public Expenditure Tracking), DBO (District Budget Oversight) by citizens</p>	<p>2) CORRRUPTION TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY</p> <p>- transform Sierra Leone into a country where public reject corruption</p> <p>- public officials work for common good and are accountable</p> <p>- keep revenue leakages to a minimum</p> <p>- more money for social services</p> <p>- develop disadvantaged segments of society</p>	<p>2) - annual public asset declarations of all public officials</p> <p>- all government contracts made public</p> <p>- transaction price database matching market trends</p> <p>- restructure National Public Procurement Authority (NPPA)</p> <p>- recruit internationally accredited and certified Procurement Professionals</p> <p>- train and equip more procurement specialists</p> <p>- 10% of government contracts (routine/non-critical) services to Women, Youth, Physically Challenged</p> <p>- develop value system with robust merit-reward in public and private life</p> <p>- make Freedom of Information Act and Agency stronger</p> <p>- support/encourage Civil Society to monitor big-budget government institutions</p> <p>- Special Anti-corruption and Economic Crimes Division of High Court</p> <p>- Special Prosecutors for Economic crimes</p> <p>- Special Judges for Anti-Corruption and</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promote and protect fundamental human rights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> accessible by 'Tooling and Equipping' of the entire Justice sector – from police to the Supreme Court' through comprehensive capacity building - ensure effective partnership between justice sector and civil society - establishing specialized Human Rights Courts in the judicial system and enforce a right based Bail and Sentencing policy 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> stronger organisation - monthly salaries to Chiefs - clearly defined obligations of Chiefs - clear distinction between Role of Chiefdoms and Local Councils - Efficient release of Consolidated funds to Chiefs - establish National House of Chiefs - codify and systematise Traditional Laws & Culture - formal collaboration between Chiefs to better manage Emergency Relief Assistance - consult traditional authorities on local government appointments <p>Local Government Services & Capacity Building:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - review regime and practice - not stifled/restricted by top-heavy bureaucracy - establish state-of-the-art Institute of Local Government Service (ILGS) - train local government staff and practitioners
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